

# Make your own bird feeder

Help local wildlife thrive by transforming old egg boxes into handy bird feeders

Suitable for **Beavers and Cubs**



## TOP TIP

You can also use clean fruit juice cartons or fizzy drinks bottles as bird feeders! Why not try sticking twigs, leaves and moss to your bird feeder to make it look more natural?

Feeding wild birds will not only help them get through the different seasons, but it will also encourage them to come into your garden regularly, so you'll be able to get to know the different species we have in the UK in your very own garden. This will help young people learn about their behaviours and appreciate how fascinating British birds really are.

### What to do

- 1 With adult supervision, carefully cut off the top of the egg carton and punch a hole in the four corners using a sharp pencil.
- 2 Cut two pieces of string or ribbon about 30cm long each.
- 3 Thread the string through holes diagonally and tie ends into knots over corners. Use a

- dab of glue for extra security.
- 4 Using the crayons, colour and decorate your bird feeder. You can make this as colourful and creative as you like, or you can use natural colours so that it becomes camouflaged into its natural surroundings.

5 Once home, fill your bird feeder and hang it up high from a sheltered place in your garden. Ask an adult to help you find the best place.

6 Once you have set up your bird feeder, keep a diary of all the birds that you spot feeding from it.



### More info

Pets at Home partners the Beaver Animal Friend and Cub Animal Carer Badges. All Pets at Home stores run free workshops to help Beavers and Cubs earn their badges and learn more about responsible animal care. Visit [scouts.org.uk/petsathome](https://scouts.org.uk/petsathome) to learn more.

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### You will need:

- egg cartons
- scissors
- sharp pencil
- string or ribbon
- glue
- crayons to decorate
- bird seed

